



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF: Joseph R. Palermo, Jr. and Clements J. Kaiser

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/776,874

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ART UNIT: 3611

EXAMINER: Tony H. Winner

FOR: Dual Electric Motor Four Wheel Drive Personnel Carrier

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Second (Final) Office Action was filed in the case July 29, 2005. Request for Continuing Examination is filed herewith. A shortened statutory period for response expired three months from the date of said Office Action Summary, on October 29, 2005. Petition for three (3) month extension of time and requisite fee for same is filed herein, making deadline for response due January 29, 2006. January 29, 2006 was a legal holiday (Sunday), making deadline for response due January 30, 2006. Request for Continuing Examination is filed January 30, 2006 by the Certificate of Mailing procedure provided for in Rule 1.8, and is therefore timely. Please amend the application as follows: